

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method of transferring image information between an imaging device and
2 a host system, the method comprising the steps of:
3 (a) detecting that the imaging device is connected to the host system; and
4 (b) transferring one or more images between the imaging device and the
5 host system in response to the step (a).

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises sensing that
2 the imaging device is connected to a port of the host system.

- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises sensing that
2 the imaging device is connected to a USB port of the host system.

- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises sensing that
2 the imaging device is connected to a 1394 port of the host system.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps (a) and (b) further comprise the
2 steps of:
3 (a) detecting that a camera is connected to the host system; and
4 (b) transferring one or more images between the camera and the host
5 system in response to the step (a).

- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step (b) further comprises the step of:
2 (b) transferring one or more images between the camera and a host
3 personal computer system in response to the step (a).

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises the step of:
2 (b) transferring one or more images between the imaging device and a
3 host personal computer system in response to the step (a).

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises the step of:
2 (b) initiating an application program running on the host system in
3 response to the step (a).

1 9. A system comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a storage medium storing instructions which when executed by the
4 processor cause the processor to perform the steps of:
5 (a) detecting that an imaging device is connected to the system; and
6 (b) transferring one or more images between the imaging device and the
7 system in response to the step (a).

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the storage medium stores instructions
2 which when executed by the processor cause the processor to perform the step of:
3 (c) initiating an application program running on the host system in
4 response to the step (a).

1 11. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of
2 instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the
3 steps of:
4 (a) detecting that an imaging device is connected to a host system; and
5 (b) automatically transferring one or more images between the imaging
6 device and the host system in response to the step (a).

1 12. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein step (b) further
2 comprises of:

3 (b) initiating an application program running on the host system in
4 response to the step (a).

1 13. A method of transferring image information from a camera to a personal
2 computer, the method comprising the steps of:

3 (a) detecting that the camera is connected to the personal computer;

4 (b) loading a camera driver in response to the step (a);

5 (c) signaling an operating system that the camera is connected to the
6 personal computer; and

7 (d) transferring the image information from the camera to the personal
8 computer.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step (d) of transferring image
2 information further comprises the step of:

3 (d) initiating an application program for transferring the image
4 information from the camera to the personal computer.